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TAGS: PBOR PDEV MOPS MR SS

SUBJECT: SAHARA WATCH: NEW ADMINISTRATIVE DEVELOPMENTS

1. GIRM ANNOUNCED JANUARY 15 APPOINTMENT OF HAMOUD OULD ABDEL WEDOUD AS GOVERNOR IN CHARGE OF PROVISIONAL ADMINISTRATION OF WADI DHEHAB (EX RIO DE ORO), SOUTHERN TWO-THIRDS OF WESTERN (EX SPANISH) SAHARA. WEDOUD WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO HOLD HIS JOB AS STATE CONTROLLER IN PRESIDENCY. ANNOUNCEMENT ADDED THAT 'ABDALLAHI OULD CHEIKH WILL REMAIN AS GOVERNOR REPRESENTING MAURITANIA IN TRIPARTITE ADMINISTRATION BASED IN EL AAIUN. (BIO INFORMATION ON WEDOUD FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM.)

2. MAURITANIAN PRESS ANNOUNCED ARRIVAL IN DAKHLA JANUARY 15 OF GIRM DELEGATION CONSISTING OF FOLLOWING MEMBERS: MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE OULD BAH, MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, COMMERCE AND TOURISM OULD DIDI, AND GOVERNOR WEDOUD. DELEGATION WILL REPORTEDLY EXAMINE WITH 'ABDALLAHI OULD CHEIKH

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QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO INSTALLATION OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES IN DAKHLA.

3. RECENT AMERICAN VISITOR TO ATAR, LOCATED SOME 60 MILES SOUTH OF SAHARA FRONTIER, REPORTS THAT CITY IS CALM BUT TENSE. ARMS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO VIRTUALLY EVERYONE ABLE TO FIRE A WEAPON. CITY IS RIFE WITH RUMORS ABOUT FIGHTING ALLEGEDLY TAKING PLACE NEAR BIR MOGHREIN, WELL TO NORTH OF ATAR.HANDYSIDE

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